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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Latest Report Available

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Life members    | 121 |
| Institutional   | 11  |
| Patron          | 15  |
| Supporting      | 73  |
| Student         | 8   |
| Regular         | 227 |
| Exchange        | 35  |
| Total Statewide | 490 |

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| At-Large members | 6   |
| Central Chapter  | 99  |
| Forest Glen      | 65  |
| Irene Cull       | 32  |
| Northeast        | 152 |
| Quad City        | 43  |
| Southern         | 57  |
| Exchange         | 35  |
| Total Statewide  | 490 |

## INPS Membership Mailing

Dorothy Hosto has assumed processing and record keeping as Membership Chair for INPS. To facilitate this change please send all Membership Applications and Membership Renewals to her at:

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And, just a reminder that the INPS address is:

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# PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2008 NOW!!!

Dear Members,

I have received some material from members over recent months and could always use more. Too much is far better than not having enough to fill these pages.

There will, of course, be **deadlines** to meet. **July 1<sup>st</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, January 1<sup>st</sup>, and April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

I hope you enjoy the newsletters and always welcome suggestions for improvement and content.

Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,  
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Editor

P. S. It is really very convenient to receive material via e-mail. That saves this poor typist a great deal of mid-night hours. When sending items please be sure the subject line of your e-mail begins with "**Harbinger**". That way a simple sort when doing my editor work will take me directly to the best news, views and photos in the INPS world.

# Illinois Native Plant Society 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

June 6-8, 2008

## Morris Inn--200 Gore Road--Morris, Illinois

(Gore Rd is just to the North on Route 47 from I-80 Exit 112)

Spend Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday morning exploring the natural areas of the Chicago region.

Registration required

Hosted by the Northeast Chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society

### The Agenda:

#### Friday Evening, June 6

Registration 5:00 to 6:30

6:30 to 8:00pm

William Glass, Ecologist for the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, will deliver the plenary address in the meeting rooms of the Morris Inn. The power point presentation, at 7:00, will cover the geomorphologic forces and the resulting plant communities found in this part of Illinois.

Following the presentation, INPS members and their accompanying families are invited to the Goose Lake Prairie picnic area for hot dogs and a prairie sunset.

#### Saturday, June 7

Field Trips-----Several field trips are available. Box lunches will be provided and lunch will be at a stop during the field trip. All trips leave from Morris Inn at 9:00 a.m. and return around 3:30 p.m. Waterproof footwear is recommended for most of these sites.

1. Dolomite Prairie, Led by Eric Ulaszek. Limit 20 people.

This trip will concentrate on the rare dolomitic prairies of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and Grant Creek Prairie in the Des Plaines Conservation Area of Will County.

2. Fens, Led by Al & Barb Wilson. Limit 24 people, vans provided.

Spend the day exploring a bit of Wisconsin slid down south of the border, a true northern Illinois fen at Lake-in-the-Hills Fen in McHenry County.



### LAKESIDE DAISIES

3. Remnant Prairies, Led by Ron Panzer. Limit 12 people.

The Indian Boundary Prairies are a true south Cook County treasure. Last year USA Today named this one of the top 10 places to see spring; it is pretty darn nice the rest of the year too.

4. Recreated Prairie, Led by Kurt Dreisliker. Limit 20 people.

Visit Schulenburg Prairie, a mature prairie restoration at the Morton Arboretum that shows what can be done. Other parts of the Arboretum will be visited as time allows.

5. Woodlands, Led by Rich Hyerczyk & Floyd Catchpole. Limit 20 people.

Visit two intriguing woodlands. Pilcher Park is moist woodland along Hickory Creek in Joliet, and McKinley Woods boasts dry, sunny woodland on a point in the Des Plaines River Valley.

6. The Sands, Led by William Glass. Limit 20 people.

Visit the “other” Kankakee Sands, located near the confluence of the Kankakee and Des Plaines rivers.

Braidwood Dunes and Savanna, Sand Ridge Savanna & Hitt’s Siding preserve examples of oak savanna, sedge meadows and prairies in sand from ancient glacial Lake Wauponsee.



## CLOSED SAND SAVANNA - BRAIDWOOD

7. Sedge Meadows, Led by Andrew Neill and Brook Herman. Limit 12 people.

Joliet Junior College Natural Areas and Rock Run Preserve are both located along Rock Run. They provide examples of diverse sedge meadows and wetlands in the urban settings of Joliet.

### Daytime Lecture Programs

These are open to the public at large, and will be held in the Morris Inn Meeting Rooms in Morris. These lectures provide something for those who are not going on field trips, and seek to educate the local populace.

9:00 am. Rain Gardens. Presented by Dr Stacy James, Water Resources Scientist with the Prairie Rivers Network. This presentation provides a description of what rain gardens are, how they function to capture rain and beautify communities while keeping them safe from flooding, and how to construct and maintain them. Free handouts include a rain garden brochure, a native plant list, and website links. Attendees will leave the presentation with enough knowledge and resources to construct their own rain gardens.

10:00 am. Invasive Nonnative Plants. Presented by Russell Higgins, Integrated Pest Management Educator, University of Illinois Extension.

Learn about the problems created in private and public lands by invasive non-native herbaceous and woody plants.

11:00 am. Native Plants. Presented by Connor Shaw, Possibility Place Nursery.

Learn about using native plants in your garden from one of the premier horticulturalist on the area.

4:00 pm. INPS State Board Meeting in the Morris Inn Meeting Rooms. Northeast Chapter members will vote to determine if the chapter will split into northern and southern halves to attempt to resolve the chronic problem of trying to make a cohesive chapter over an area separated by long drive times in unpleasant traffic.

### Saturday Evening

5:00 p.m. Rain Gardens. Dr Stacy James presents a brief overview of her Rain Garden Presentation for people interested in having her speak at one of their chapter meetings,

5:30 p.m. Invasive Weed Control. Russell Higgins holds a brief update on research to control invasive weeds.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Banquet and General Meeting of the Illinois Native Plant Society. The banquet will be served buffet style with meat and vegetarian entrees. After dinner talk, ‘The new pioneer women: breaking ground and overcoming obstacles to save native plants and communities’. Stories by Marcy DeMauro, Forest Preserve District of Will County, Logan Lee, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Susanne Masi, Chicago Botanic Gardens,

and Patricia Armstrong, Prairie Sun Consultants. These local leaders in the native plant conservation movement will provide personal stories from their lives.

#### Sunday Morning, June 8

Field Trips for those who want just one more taste of the wilds of Northeast Illinois before heading home. All field trips will leave at 9:00 A.M. from the Morris Inn at Morris and finish around noon. Participants may depart for home directly from the sites.

1. Kankakee Sands. Led by Fran Harty. Limit 20 people.

See what everyone has been talking about, "the" Kankakee Sands. These are absolutely the best sands in Illinois, bar none (Pembroke vicinity, Kankakee and Iroquois Counties).

2. Midewin Native Seed Production. Led by Eric Ulaszek. Limit 20 people.

See how the Feds plan to restore over 15,000 acres of native landscape through onsite seed production, collection and distribution (Wilmington, Will County).

3. Goose Lake Prairie. Led by Art Rohr. Limit 20 people.

See the largest remnant prairie in Illinois. And it's just a few miles from the Morris Inn, so there's no excuse not to start your morning right! (Morris, Grundy County)

4. Possibility Place Nursery. Led by Connor Shaw. Limit 20 people.

See how Connor Shaw produces large quantities of high quality native trees, shrubs and forbs at his nursery (Monee, Will County).

5. Lockport Prairie. Led by Don & Espie Nelson. Limit 20 people.

See arguably the finest dolomite prairie in Illinois, supporting three federally-listed species and too many State-listed species to count (Lockport, Will County).

#### Accommodations

Our dates coincide with a race weekend at the Joliet raceway and the ISHA is also holding the state championship baseball games in Joliet. Please book your rooms early.

Morris Inn, 200 Gore Road, Morris, Illinois, 815-942-6600. (Gore Rd is just to the North on Route 47 from I-80 Exit 112) A block of 30 non-smoking rooms (24 double-beds and 6 king-size beds), have been set aside for INPS members until May 6, 2008. The price is \$75.00 plus tax per night. The rooms will all be refurbished before our event. A breakfast buffet is available for \$4.99 at the attached restaurant, Café Cabaret. The chef has received awards for her culinary efforts. If folks are members of Holiday Inn's Priority Members group (a free membership), they will receive a coupon for a free breakfast buffet and drink.

Other hotels are immediately nearby on Gore Road.

Bed & breakfast accommodations in Morris include the spectacular 1865 Reardon Historical Mansion.

Camping is available in Morris at Gebhard Woods State Park, with primitive camping at \$6.00 per night. Other campgrounds, public and private, are nearby.

#### Family activities

The vans and carpooling to sites should make it easy for members to leave a vehicle with the family while members hit the wilds, allowing family members time to enjoy the sites of Morris and vicinity. Morris was established on the Illinois River in 1839. It has many antique shops and other interesting stores in a well-cared for, quaint downtown. Its location on the old I & M Canal provides wonderful hiking, bicycling and canoeing opportunities. For I & M Canal information: <http://www.civiccenterauthority.org/pages/heritcorr.htm>.

Nearby, Goose Lake Prairie State Park and Natural Area is hosting their Cabin Festival, Saturday June 7, <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/i&m/east/goose/home.htm> and <http://www.uti.com/~gooselakeprairie>.

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie hosts National Trails Day, Saturday June 7, <http://www.fs.fed.us/mntp>.



Registration Form: **Please submit one form per person.**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email Address:**

Saturday, June 7, Field Trips:

**Please indicate your preferences by placing an X in the appropriate box.**

| Field Trip            | First Choice | Second Choice | Third Choice |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Dolomite Prairie   |              |               |              |
| 2. Fens               |              |               |              |
| 3. Prairie Remnants   |              |               |              |
| 4. Recreated Prairies |              |               |              |
| 5. Woodlands          |              |               |              |
| 6. The Sands          |              |               |              |
| 7. Sedge Meadows      |              |               |              |

Sunday, June 8 Field Trips

**Please indicate your preferences by placing an X in the appropriate box.**

| Field Trip                                     | First Choice | Second Choice | Third Choice |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Kankakee Sands                              |              |               |              |
| 2. Midewin Seed Production                     |              |               |              |
| 3. Goose Lake Prairie                          |              |               |              |
| 4. Possibility Place                           |              |               |              |
| 5. Lockport Prairie                            |              |               |              |
| 6. Pizzo & Associates Nursery and Natural Area |              |               |              |

The box lunch will include two types of sandwiches, 3 small salads, cookie and a drink. A vegetarian option is available.

Check here for vegetarian box lunch: \_\_\_\_\_

The Saturday evening banquet cost is included with the registration cost. Extra tickets are available for \$19.95.

Registration fee (# Registrants X \$55.00)(Student Registrations X \$45.00 I.D. Required)

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Cost for Extra Banquet Tickets (# Tickets X \$19.95) \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check or money orders made out to the Northeast Chapter Illinois Native Plant Society**

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Joliet, IL 60433**



## **President's Corner....**

**By Dr. Bohdan Dziadyk**

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April is that time of the year when several things happen for enthusiasts of the native flora who are members of INPS. **First and foremost is that spring blooms are starting to burgeon** across the grasslands, woodlands and wetlands of the Prairie State. Whether searching for spring beauties in the forest, golden alexanders in our prairies or marsh marigolds in the depleted wetlands, we all look forward to the glories of spring after the long winter chill! Among other outdoor pursuits, these sights rival or exceed the reappearance of the geese from the south or the discovery of morel mushrooms for the dinner plate.

Second, (though less eagerly welcomed!) is that it's time to **renew our annual membership dues** to INPS. Though the dues are expected to rise slightly this year across membership categories (see notice in another part of this Harbinger), they are still a bargain compared to those of larger conservation organizations. Because we are a membership driven organization we need your dues payments in a timely manner (preferably during January). Without these funds we cannot produce our fine publications or provide support to young scientists and do other essential things.

Finally, I take this space to encourage **participation in the Annual Meeting** to be hosted by the newly reorganized Northeast Chapter this June (see details elsewhere). The annual meeting is a great time to renew or form relationships with botanists and plant lovers from all parts of the state. It is instructive, motivational and just plain fun! So, if you have never been to the annual meeting NOW is the time to start. And if you are an "old timer" I hope to see you all at the field trips, banquet and meetings of the biggest event in our annual calendar. Keep up the good efforts for the native flora!

## **ANNUAL MEETING SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER**

**There will be Silent Auction Fundraiser at the Saturday evening banquet. Please bring the items you wish to donate to the banquet and also contact our silent auction managers, Jean Sellar, [biojean@peoplepc.com](mailto:biojean@peoplepc.com) or Pat Armstrong, [pat4nature@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pat4nature@sbcglobal.net) to let them know what you are donating.**

## The Illinois Natural Areas Inventory Update

The Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) was a major biological survey conducted during the mid-1970s with funding provided by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The scale of the INAI was unprecedented at the time because it was the first state-wide natural resources inventory in the United States. More than 200 staff and volunteers participated in the project. The three principal results of the INAI were the development of a natural community classification system for Illinois, the grading of the quality of natural areas, and an inventory of the remaining high-quality natural areas in the state. A total of 1,089 sites were included, covering 25,723 acres. This represented only 0.07% of *all* the land area of Illinois.

During the past three decades the database of areas in the INAI has been kept up to date; however, some areas have been destroyed, some areas have since been identified that were missed by the original inventory or that were only recognized as worthy of protection as we learned more about Illinois' original landscapes. Consequently, IDNR has decided to do an update of the INAI taking advantage of new technologies and the most recent scientific data concerning natural areas.

An INAI Update was initiated on June 1, 2007. The INAI Update will systematically screen the entire state to find, evaluate, classify, and map natural areas. While it will use twenty-first century technology, including remote sensing, Geographic Information Systems, and digital imaging—the sites will be visited by ecologists where landowner permission is granted. There is no substitute for on-the-ground experts making the final judgments on the overall condition of a natural community.

Lincoln Land Community College, with Dr. Brian Anderson, is the leader of this project, with Applied Ecological Services-West Dundee, Ecological Services-Champaign, Environmental Planning Solutions-Riverton, and the Illinois Natural History Survey-Urbana being subcontractors. Five regional ecologists have been hired to conduct the statewide assessment. The Field Coordinator, Randy Nyboer, brings thirty years of experience to the INAI Update, and will supervise the field work.



Cindi Jablonski will be working in 15 counties in far northern Illinois. Cindi Jablonski has a Bachelor's degree in biology from Northeastern Illinois University and is a 2008 Masters Candidate at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Prior to accepting this position, she worked as a field-based Resident with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Cindi has also held several research positions with the Illinois Natural History Survey including researching the bioaccumulation of ecological contaminants by zebra mussels and their effects on the State endangered Common Terns, working with endangered wetland birds in Northeastern Illinois, and monitoring nutrient pollution in McHenry County streams. She also currently serves as Vice President for The McHenry County Conservation Foundation.

Connie Carroll-Cunningham will be working in Region 2, comprising 28 counties in east central Illinois. Connie graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana with a Bachelor's in Animal Science and a Master's in Forestry, focusing on forest ecology. Connie has worked for the past 10 ½ years as a full-time botanist for the Critical Trends Assessment Program at the Illinois Natural History Survey. She also serves as the volunteer regional ecologist for the former Prairie Grove Volunteers and currently serves as the Secretary for the State board of the Illinois Native Plant Society.



Megan Timpe will be working in Region 3, which includes 19 counties in west central Illinois. Megan Timpe is from St. Louis, but moved to Decatur, Illinois to attend Millikin University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in 2004. Megan studied under Dr. Roger Anderson at Illinois State University where she researched the reproductive success of garlic mustard, an invasive species. Upon graduation, Meg worked for the Missouri Department of Conservation where she surveyed vegetation to study the effects of timber harvest on Ozark woodland ground flora.



Emily Stork will be stationed in Region 4, which includes 25 counties in south-central Illinois. Emily Stork, formerly Emily Marten of rural Raymond, earned a BS in Environmental Science from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL in 2005. She worked as a teaching and summer research assistant in the Department of Plant Biology at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale where she is working on finishing her Master's research, focusing on invasive species in dolomite prairie plant communities. Since the completion of her coursework, she worked in the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Residency Program with the Illinois Nature Preserves.



Christopher Benda will be responsible for Region 5, which includes the 15 southernmost Illinois counties. Christopher D. Benda, a native of Minnesota, attended Winona State University in Winona, MN where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science in 2002. Chris Benda attended graduate school at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign where he used radio-telemetry for use in recovery efforts for the Blanding's Turtle in Lake County. Since completing his Master's degree in Biology in 2007, he has worked for the Missouri Department of Conservation, assessing the caves and woodlands of the Ozarks as an Assistant Natural History Biologist.

A process for nominating a site for the regional ecologist to evaluate will be developed and posted on the INAI web site. Visit <http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu/inai/> for this and other information about the INAI Update. For more information about the INAI Update, you can also contact Dr. Deanna Glosser, 217-629-8949 or [Deanna.Glosser@comcast.net](mailto:Deanna.Glosser@comcast.net).

### **Middlefork Audubon Society**

**Monthly Meeting Programs--** The Middlefork Audubon Society (MAS) meets the fourth Thursday of every month at the Danville Public Library at 7:00 pm. The meetings are open to the public. The MAS has the following programs planned for its monthly meetings.

**May 15, 2008—**The executive director of the Illinois Audubon Society (IAS) will speak about IAS, its past and its future

**September 24, 2008—**Australia

**October 23, 2008—**Butterflies and Butterfly monitoring

**December, 2008—**Birding with a Passion

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### **NEW WILDFLOWER FIELD GUIDE**

I am an INPS member who now lives in upper Michigan. As organizer of the North Woods Native Plant Society, I just received a new field guide, *Wildflowers of Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest*, by Merel Black and Emmet Judziewicz. Emmet is a professional botanist at the Univ. of WI and has been an enthusiastic participant on several of our native plant field trips.

The guide features photos and line drawings of plant flowers and parts, especially those necessary to differentiate one species from another. The book doesn't depend on an onerous comprehensive key, but is organized by number of flower parts and families, which gets you to the right category, after which the photos can be browsed. The listings are comprehensive, including such useful information as native or introduced, poisonous or invasive. My usual concern with photographic representations is that a too close examination leaves one uninformed as to the overall plant habit. But the description allows for that information to be conveyed. I do appreciate that the measurements are in inches, rather than centimeters - I confess I still haven't gotten used to thinking in metric.

The book is small enough to be carried into the field, and packs a lot of information into a compact volume. Although the county maps are for Wisconsin, the book also covers parts of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, and Ontario, making it very helpful no matter where you find yourself in the upper midwest region.

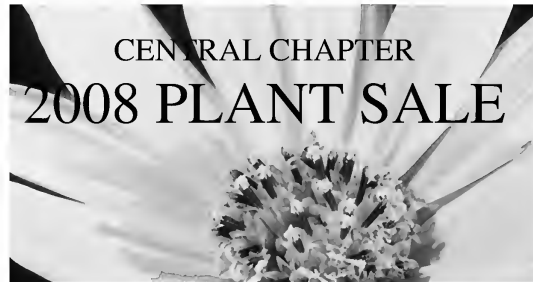
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You can print an order form at: <http://www.uwsp.edu/english/cornerstone/purchase.htm>

## **21st North American Prairie Conference**

The 21st North American Prairie Conference is from August 4-8 at Winona State University in Winona, MN.

<http://bio.winona.edu/NAPC/Registration.htm>



**Saturday April 26**

Washington Park Botanical Garden  
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9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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## **MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE RECOMMENDED**

The INPS Board has voted to recommend to the membership that our long-standing dues be adjusted as follows to be effective immediately:

### **Membership Categories**

|                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Student.....                   | \$13.00               |
| Individual.....                | \$20.00               |
| Family.....                    | \$30.00(new category) |
| Institutional(non-voting)..... | \$20.00               |
| Supporting.....                | \$30.00               |
| Patron.....                    | \$55.00               |
| Life.....                      | \$200.00              |

In addition it was recommended that the chapter portion of these dues be increased from the current \$3.00 per member to \$3.50 per member effective with the 2009 Annual dues which are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

This will be presented as a resolution to be voted on at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

## IT IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

January is traditionally our INPS membership dues renewal month.

To save postage costs please simply forward your dues renewals now to:

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## IT IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

**HELP SAVE INPS MONEY. Send in your membership now.**  
**Then we will not have to send so many renewal notices.**

Join us!

- ☐ NEW  
☐ RENEWAL  
☐ ADDRESS CHANGE ONLY

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Street \_\_\_\_\_

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Central Chapter

|                        |                                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| April 25 <sup>th</sup> | PLANT SALE SET-UP                   |
| April 26 <sup>th</sup> | PLANT SALE                          |
| May 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Becky Croteau, "Botany of Belize"   |
| June 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Open                                |
| July 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Open                                |
| Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Mike Redmer, "Reptiles of Illinois" |

For detailed information about meetings and directions, contact John Benedict at [johnlana@insightbb.com](mailto:johnlana@insightbb.com)

## Forest Glen Chapter

March Meeting is being planned.  
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## Northeast Chapter

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## Quad City Chapter

August 4-8th - Winona State University - Minnesota - North American Prairie Conference - contact Bruno Borsari PhD - 507-457-2822 - asst. prof. biology - [bborsari@winona.edu](mailto:bborsari@winona.edu)

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## Southern Chapter

There is no meeting information available for the Southern Chapter at press time

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